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Supervisor Weishan Calls for Increasing Minority Representation on Board of Supervisors

Milwaukee- County Supervisor John Weishan, Jr. wants to increase minority representation on the Board of Supervisors, and will introduce a <u>resolution</u> to the County Board's Finance Committee on July 16 requesting that the Department of Administrative Services analyze the possibility of expanding the number of County Board Supervisory districts.

"Increasing the number of County Board seats to 27 will create more manageable districts which will improve direct public services and increase minority representation on the Milwaukee County Board," said Weishan Jr.

The proposed analysis would look at what impact the 2013 Wisconsin Act 14 will have on the establishment of 27 supervisory districts beginning with the 2022-2024 term. Act 14 reduced the powers of the County Board and limited the Board's operating budget to just .04 percent of the total tax levy. Act 14 only applies to Milwaukee County, which has Wisconsin's largest minority population.

The resolution states "that a report shall be provided back to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for consideration prior to the 2020 redistricting."

The Finance committee meets on July 16 at 9:30 a.m. The full Board of Supervisors would likely consider the proposal on July 23.